

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1655

January 29, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a public school to credit a student as present if the student participates in a non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity and certain criteria are met. Requires the student's parent or legal guardian to submit a written notice to the principal or principal's designee of the student's intent to participate in a non-school-sponsored extracurricular activity at least seven business days prior to the event. Requires a public school to credit a student as present, for up to 10 days, if the student participates in basic training required by a branch of the United States armed forces. Requires a principal or principal's designee to excuse a student's absence for up to 10 days if the student participates in an educational enhancement opportunity that meets certain conditions. Requires a student to have the opportunity to make up any school work missed during the excused absence related to an educational enhancement opportunity.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Public schools will be able to comply with the proposed legislation within existing resources.
- Public schools will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation may increase the average daily attendance (ADA) which affects the split of local taxes for education in multi-system counties; this may result in a larger share of local tax revenue for schools where ADA increases. Any net impact to local government is not significant.
- The proposed legislation would not affect average daily membership (ADM) which is based on student enrollment and is the primary driver of funds generated by the Basic Education Program (BEP); therefore, there will be no impact to BEP funding.
- No impact to state or local operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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